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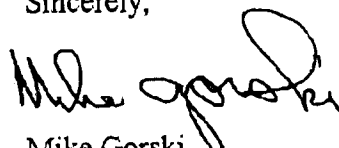
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my support for the recent settlement between Microsoft, the Department of Justice and nine of the participating states. While I did not agree with the original litigation against Microsoft, deeming it frivolous and an unnecessary persecution of a successful company, this settlement has the interest of competition and fair business practices at heart. The terms of the settlement are broad, and go beyond the scope of what the original grievances filed by the government.

This settlement contains a series of provisions that do nothing but increase the sharing of information with the expected result of increasing knowledge, innovation and industry advancement. One of these terms require Microsoft to license intellectual property instead of vigorously protecting it, doing this in order to ensure that Microsoft does not monopolize key technology. Additionally, Microsoft has now agreed to a uniform pricing standard for computer manufactures, and to allow software distributors to enhance, change or remove Microsoft products from the software without the threat of retaliatory business practices. Perhaps most importantly is Microsoft's willingness to submit to a government appointed technical oversight committee that will work to ensure that the company is complying with all of the above terms of the settlement.

For these reasons, I support the settlement and hope to see it implemented soon.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Gorski